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Ms. Kendall H. Moore, PCSS Supervisor
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Subject: Design Services for King County International Airport Runway 13L-31R
Overlay, RFP No. E93066E - Consultant Selection

Dear Ms. Moore,

We have received your notification of the protest filed by W & H Pacific as well as a copy of W & H Pacific's original letter to King County. Please allow us to offer our initial views of the situation.

Our intent is always to follow the requirements of a Request for Proposal and, for this project, we identified no written instructions in the RFP that prohibited site visits. The RFP obviously included the reference that 'technical questions may be directed to Mr. Hicker; however, we did not construe this statement to mean that contacting Mr. Hicker was the sole permissible avenue toward achieving a better understanding of your project. Over the past few months, we have been working with the airport staff at Boeing Field in connection with another project within the facility, and we've been acquainted with John Current for several years. Contacting John directly regarding a site tour struck us as being appropriate and logical, and we visited the site after contacting him.

We believe that our proposal was responsive, that it was prepared in accordance with the RFP, and that there are no legitimate grounds for disqualification. Please let us know how we can help to resolve this matter so that we can all begin organizing the steps toward a successful rehabilitation of your secondary runway.

Sincerely,

Reid Middleton, Inc.


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